

Wash Woods Environmental Education Center RESERVATION APPLICATION

Organization: _____

Contact Person/Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (Business) _____ (Home): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Participants: (Leaders/Adults) _____ (Students/Children): _____

Age range of students/children (if applicable): _____

FEES: (Refer to Price List or Fee Schedule)

- 1) EEC Rental Dates: _____ to _____
(2 night minimum rental)

Total Number of Nights: _____ x (Cost per night +tax) \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 2) Transportation (Round Trip from Little Island City Park between the hours of 9am and 3 pm)

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Number of Round Trips: _____ x (Cost per Trip) \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 3) Environmental Education Programs:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Program Title: _____

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Number of Programs _____ x (Cost of Program) \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 4) Canoe/Kayak Rentals:

- 5) Date: _____ Time: _____ No. Of Canoes/Kayaks _____ x price per hour \$ _____ x
No. Of Hours \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 6) Discovery Boxes for Your Backyard Classroom (One Discovery Box is suitable for one class):
No. Of Boxes x \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 7) **Balance Due:** \$ _____

- 8) **This balance is due 30 days prior to reservation date. Make checks payable to "Treasurer of Virginia"**

Please Note: The Reservation Application, Applicant Agreement and Lesson Plan must be completed, returned, and approved at least 30 days before your trip. School Groups can make reservations 11 months in advance and non-school groups 3 months in advance.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I agree to ensure that my group abides by the regulations and guidelines covering the use of the Wash Woods Environmental Education Center. In addition, I agree to pay for or replace any property that is damaged during our stay beyond normal wear and tear.

I verify that I am over the age of 21.

Signature of Registrant: _____ Date: _____

Wash Woods Environmental Education Center



False Cape State Park

The Wash Woods Environmental Education Center at False Cape State Park offers a unique environment for students of all ages to engage in a variety of educational experiences. False Cape State Park is rich in ecological diversity. This pristine barrier spit location allows visitors to examine a relatively undisturbed coastal environment, including shoreline, dune, interdunal swale, maritime oak-pine forest and marsh habitats. The Center overlooks Back Bay providing a beautiful, pristine atmosphere to begin exploration of the natural world.

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MISSION

The goal of the Wash Woods Environmental Education Center (EEC) is to provide day-use and overnight facilities for groups with objectives that are related to environmental education, natural sciences or similar fields of study.

FACILITIES

The EEC is a converted hunt club capable of accommodating twenty-six people per night. There are 14 beds on the second floor and 12 beds on the first floor. Bed linens, blankets and towels are provided. There is a complete kitchen with stove, microwave, toaster, electric coffee pot, cooking pots and pans, eating utensils and refrigerator. A large charcoal-cooking grill is available but groups must provide their own charcoal. The group must provide food and food preparation. One full bath is located on the second floor and one half bath is located on the first floor. There are two outdoor showers.

A variety of educational equipment is also available for group use. Water quality equipment including waders, dip nets and seine nets are located in a wet-lab near the EEC. Discovery boxes to coincide with Your Backyard Classroom are available to rent. Numerous field guides, resource books, videos and A-V equipment (color TV/VCR, slide projector and screen) are available for use in the Center.

RESERVATIONS

School groups may request reservations up to 11 months in advance, while other groups with appropriate environmental education lesson plans may request reservations up to four months in advance. In order to request a reservation for the EEC, contact the park by phone to schedule a tentative date. Tentative reservations will be held for a two-week grace period; during this time a reservation application and lesson plan must be returned to False Cape State Park. Because the purpose of the EEC is to provide environmental education experience rather than strictly recreational purposes, the application/lesson plan must be approved prior to finalizing the reservation.

Public vehicular access into the park is prohibited. Transportation into the park begins at Little Island City Park, 3750 Sandpiper Road in Sandbridge via the park bus. Seasonal parking fees apply Memorial Day to Labor Day. Park staff will provide a brief orientation of the flora, fauna and history of False Cape during the trip into the park. Due to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge interior dike closures from November 1 to March 31 The Terragator may have to be used as an alternate access vehicle. Please contact us for more information.

FEES

Please refer to the current fee insert for rental of the Environmental Education Center, programs, equipment, and transportation. Total fee is due thirty (30) days prior to reservation. Purchase Orders from educational institutions will be accepted.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Educational programs (approx. 3 hrs.) are led by a member of park staff or another qualified professional. Programs are based on information from Virginia State Parks – Your Backyard Classroom Activities Manual K-12. Programs are modified to suit the age group. Following is a brief summary of each program:

MARSH PROGRAM

In this study of the freshwater marshes surrounding Back Bay, students will discover the importance of wetlands and the critical issues facing this valuable resource. Through seining, netting, observation and water quality testing students will explore water quality issues of salt and brackish waters. If weather permits, part of this program may be conducted from canoes or kayaks at an additional fee.

DUNE/FOREST PROGRAM

In this study, students hike across the barrier spit from Back Bay to the Atlantic Ocean. This transect program will explore the diverse habitats found within False Cape's unique ecosystem.

OCEAN PROGRAM

Students will explore various aspects of the seashore including waves and currents, aquatic life and beach and dune dynamics. Students will compare the plant and animal life in the fresh water of Back Bay and the salt water of the Atlantic Ocean.

CANCELLATIONS

No refund of any fees if cancellation is less than 10 days prior to the reservation date. Park initiated cancellations will result in a full refund.



WASH WOODS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Regulations and Guidelines

- State Park regulations prohibit disorderly conduct, firearms, air guns, explosives, or the cutting or marring of trees or plants.
- Absolutely no property or equipment is to be removed from the EEC or False Cape. This includes artifacts found while here. Federal law prohibits possession of any marine mammals or reptiles or parts thereof (dead or alive).
- Collection of plants or animals for removal is allowed only for scientific purposes and by permit from the Department of Conservation and Recreation in Richmond. A copy of an approved permit must be submitted to False Cape State Park.
- Smoking is prohibited in the EEC and the Wet Lab. Public use or display of alcohol beverages is prohibited.
- Kitchen equipment is not to be used for anything other than its intended use. All kitchen equipment should be left clean upon departure.
- Animals, with the exception of working animals accompanied by the handler, are prohibited in the buses and buildings.
- False Cape State Park is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Please keep all valuables in a secure location.
- All signs must be approved and free standing. Attachment of signs to park property or vegetation is prohibited.
- Overnight occupancy is for a **24-hour time frame** with arrival and departure transportation scheduled between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Day Use rental fee will be required if group wishes to extend hours beyond the 24-hour rental.
- Day use rental is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Since the EEC is for educational purposes only, no surfboards, boogie boards or other recreational equipment will be transported. The bus has limited space; therefore groups should bring only essential supplies.
- Any damage or maintenance needs must be reported to park staff immediately. Property damage beyond normal wear will be charged to the person who made the reservation.
- An attending member of the group who is at least 21 years of age must complete registration for the EEC. **This person accepts responsibility for the group using the EEC and associated equipment.**

REGISTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE ABOVE LISTED REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES! IN ORDER TO INDICATE THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE "APPLICANT AGREEMENT" PRINTED ON THE "RESERVATION REQUEST" FORM.

